

REMARKS

The amendments to claims 57, 61 adds the inherent phrase "or combinations thereof" to the description of the lubricants which the specification supports at page 26, second full paragraph and page 28 first full paragraph inter alia. The amendment to claim 65 substitutes the conjunction "or" for "and." The Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (M.P.E.P. § 2173.05 (h), p. 2100-202 August 2001, first full par. and par. "II") sanctions the use of the alternative conjunction "or."


Multiple dependent claims 77 and 82 relate to dispersions of the superabsorbent polymer in the compound which comprises a petroleum lubricant, synthetic lubricant, grease or solid lubricant. The specification supports the claims to these dispersions at page 22, second full paragraph. This part of the specification also supports claims 78-81 and 83-86 dependent respectively on claims 77 and 82.

The amendment also cancels claims 74 and 75 without prejudice or disclaimer and substitutes new claims 88 and 89 for these cancelled claims.

Applicant's attorneys request the examination of the present application based on the preliminary amendments filed in this application.

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